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SUBJECT: GULF EXPROPRIATION - FOREIGN MINISTER'S COMMENTS
TO PRESS UPON RETURN FROM OAS MEETING

REF: LIMA 4011, 3974

1. FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR HELD AIRPORT PRESS INTERVIEW MAY 15 ON HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON OAS MEETING. ACCORDING TO MAY 16 OFFICIAL GOP GAZETTE, MINISTER SAID THAT ALTHOUGH U.S. PRESS HAD GIVEN LITTLE COVERAGE TO GULF EXPROPRIATION, IT HAS CONVEYED IMPRESSION THAT GULF WOULD NOT BE COMPENSATED. MINISTER SAID THAT THIS ERROR HAD BEEN CORRECTED THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH WASHINGTON PRESS CORPS AND THROUGH PUBLICATION TODAY IN "THE WASHINGTON POST" OF A CLARIFYING LETTER FROM THE PERUVIAN EMBASSY. THE LETTER NOTES, SAID THE MINISTER, THAT THE EXPROPRIATION WAS UNDERTAKEN FOR REASONS OF PUBLIC MORALITY WITH PROPER DECREE LAW AUTHORIZATION APPROVED BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND THAT ART. 4 OF THE D.L. ESTABLISHES NORMS FOR PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION, A FACT THAT HAS BEEN "TOTALLY AND COMPLETELY CLARIFIED".

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2. OTHER PAPERS CONTINUED TO CARRY STORIES ON GULF CASE, WITH EXTREME LEFTIST "EXPRESSO" DEVOTING FULL SECOND PAGE TO THE NEFARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF GULF, COMPARING GULF GENERALLY TO IPC AND CERRO EXPROPRIATION CASES IN PERU, AND THE ITT CASE IN CHILE.

3. COMMENT: DE LA FLOR WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO EMPHASIZE THAT EXPROPRIATION WILL BE PAID PROMPTLY. GIVEN AMBASSADOR DE LA PUENTE'S COMMENTS TO THE AMBASSADOR (LIMA 4002) IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT GOP REALIZES POTENTIAL ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF THIS RASH MOVE AND WISHES TO REASSURE ITS CREDITORS AND PROTECT ITS CREDIT RATING.
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